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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Thomas Charles ELLEMAN, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9960  
Application No.: 09/701,437 : Group Art Unit: 1631  
Filed: March 02, 2001 : Examiner: Marianne P. Allen  
For: METHOD OF DESIGNING AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS TO EGF RECEPTOR FAMILY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted as a submission with regard to Applicants' request for continued examination (RCE) of the above-identified patent application. It is requested that the RCE be granted. The above-referenced patent application has been amended as set forth below.

Please cancel claims 59, 61, 62, 64 and 66 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 67 and 70-73 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 to 6 of this response.

A listing of all claims in the present application is presented in the "Amendments to the Claims" beginning at page 2 of this response.